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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES ON INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY COORDINATION IN THE
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1. LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR DONDELINGER, WHO IS SERVING AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EC'S COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1976, HAS GIVEN US HIS VIEWS ON MECHANISMS FOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY CO-ORDINATION IN PREPARATION FOR MEETINGS OF THE CIEC COMMISSIONS. AS DONDELINGER SEE IT, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL, ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COME TO A COMMON POSITION, THE COMMUNITY INTENDS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF EC INSTITUTIONS. HE REACTED NEGATIVELY TO A REMINDER OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE OECD BODIES. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS WHICH INEVITABLY OCCUR WHEN THE MEMBER STATES ARE ATTEMPTING TO REACH A CONSENSUS, HE BELIEVES THAT THE IEA AND OECD BACK-STOPPING GROUPS CANNOT SERVE AS THE SOLE MEANS FOR COORDINATION OF POSITIONS OF THE EIGHT. WHEN THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME, THE EC WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE OECD

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MEETINGS. HOWEVER, HE ANTICIPATES THAT FREQUENTLY THE NINE

WILL NOT HAVE REACHED A CONSENSUS IN TIME AND THEREFORE
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAY MUCH, IF ANYTHING, IN THE OECD. IN
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE REAL DISCUSSIONS MAY TAKE PLACE AMONG
THE EIGHT, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE VIEWS OF THE LDCS ARE KNOWN.

2. OFFICIALS OF THE GERMAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATION SEEM TO BE
LESS CONCERNED AND MORE RELAXED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF PARIS
COORDINATION. THEY BELIEVE THE EC HAS ACQUIRED A GREATER
DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN DEVELOPING POSITIONS IN FAST-MOVING
NEGOTIATING SITUATIONS. IN SUPPORT OF THIS THESIS, THEY CITE A
NUMBER OF CASES WHERE EC POSITIONS EVOLVED DURING NEGOTIATIONS
(E.G., TUNISIA) OR THE COMMISSION WENT BEYOND ITS MANDATE. AS
THEY SEE IT, THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO REACH COMMON POSITIONS
WHICH WILL BE STILL SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION IN THE OECD CONTEXT OR
ON THE SPOT DURING CIEC MEETINGS.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS SOME SENSITIVITY HERE ABOUT COMMUNITY POLICY
BEING MADE OUTSIDE BRUSSELS, PARTICULARLY AS A RESULT OF THE IN-
ABILITY OF EC INSTITUTIONS TO KEEP UP WITH ON-GOING INTERNATIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS- THE PRIME EXAMPLE IS THE IEA NEGOTIATION WHICH LED TO
THE RUEFUL RECOGNITION THAT THE COMMON ENERGY POLICY WAS BEING MADE
IN PARIS. IT IS TRUE THAT RECENTLY THE COMMUNITY HAS MANIFESTED A
CERTAIN FLEXIBILITY IN WORKING WITH ITS NEGOTIATING MANDATE (E.G.,
TEXTILES, THE MAGREB NEGOTIATIONS, THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS).
HOWEVER, THE SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY TO WARRANT THE
ASSUMPTION THAT CHANGES IN EC MANDATES FOR THE CIEC WILL BE EASY
OR QUICK. IN FACT, THERE MAY BE SOME DISADVANTAGES IN PRESSING
FOR DEFINITIVE COMMUNITY POSITIONS FOR IEA/OECD BACK-STOPPING
MEETINGS. SEEKING AN EARLY EC CONSENSUS TO MEET THE DEADLINE OF
THESE SESSIONS MAY BOTH PUT AT RISK THE DEGREE OF CONFIDENTIALITY
WHICH WE ASSUME THE EIGHT WILL WISH TO MAINTAIN AND FORCE THE
EC'S REPRESENTATIVES INTO OVERLY-RIGID POSITIONS FOR THE
MEETINGS THEMSELVES. AT THIS STAGE IT MAY BE BETTER TO AVOID
AN OVER-ORGANIZED SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE EC AND OTHER
OECD COUNTRIES. ONCE WE SEE HOW THE DIALOG GOES IT WILL BE
EASIER TO DETERMINE THE RELATIVE ROLES OF IEA/OECD, INFORMAL
BILATERAL CONTACTS, AND MEETINGS OF THE EIGHT JUST BEFORE
COMMISSION MEETINGS (AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL).
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